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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: ARGON Priority

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Director of Central Intelligence.

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2. Dr. McMillan's memorandum on the above subject has not been considered by COMOR; however, on behalf of [redacted] I have talked with [redacted] the only available officer in Dr. McMillan's office.

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3. From him I have learned that there is no technical reason why the ARGON cannot be utilized on the R -7 capability (listed in the revised schedule as 9057 CM). In answer to my question [redacted] stated that the present scheduling was Dr. McMillan's interpretation of the guidance received from the Board.

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4. At the time of that phone call, we had been advised that there would be no representative from the NRO at the Board meeting. I advised [redacted] that I thought it was in our mutual interest that there be a representative there in order to provide answers to the Board's possible inquiries on the schedule.

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5. Also for your information, [redacted] advised that Mission 1001 (J1) would have to be fired in the two package configuration but that Mission 1002 (J2) and Mission 1003 (J3) were configured with two package primary and regular M secondary.

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6. Unfortunately, the M Mission 9056 was recovered only last evening and readout is not expected to be available before the weekend. Thus it is impossible at this time to know for certain what coverage has been obtained additional to that recently acquired through Mission 9056.

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7. Whereas my personal opinion is that the ARGON should be substituted for the 9057 (see M schedule for 16 July), that might be altered upon hearing further advice from the NRO

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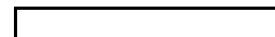
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